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TINY FROG

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HERE'S NG KIDS READER LILY BREYTENBACH (10) IN ACTION! HER GRANNY SENT US THIS GREAT SHOT OF HER GRANDAUGHTER COMPETING IN THE HURDLES.



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Giant pandas are in trouble! To create awareness, we hid ten of them in the magazine. Here's one, but can you spot all ten?



LETTER OF THE MONTH

DEAR FIONA

IN THE DECEMBER HOLIDAYS MY FAMILY AND I WENT TO MAURITIUS AS MY DAD WORKS THERE. THE HOLIDAY HOUSE WE HAD WAS ONLY A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE BEACH AND OUR HOUSE HAD A HUGE POOL. AT ITS DEEPEST IT WAS ABOUT TWO METRES! MY SISTER TOOK A PICTURE OF THIS LITTLE FROG ON MY HAND. CUTE, ISN'T IT? WE SAW IT IN THE BLACK RIVER GORGE NATURE RESERVE. THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF THEM.

THANKS FOR AN AWESOME MAGAZINE. I CAN'T WAIT TO READ IT EVERY MONTH. I LEARN SO MUCH FROM IT AND NG KIDS HAS THE GREATEST PHOTOS EVER! YOU GUYS ROCK!

MARELISE BRINK, 12, PRETORIA

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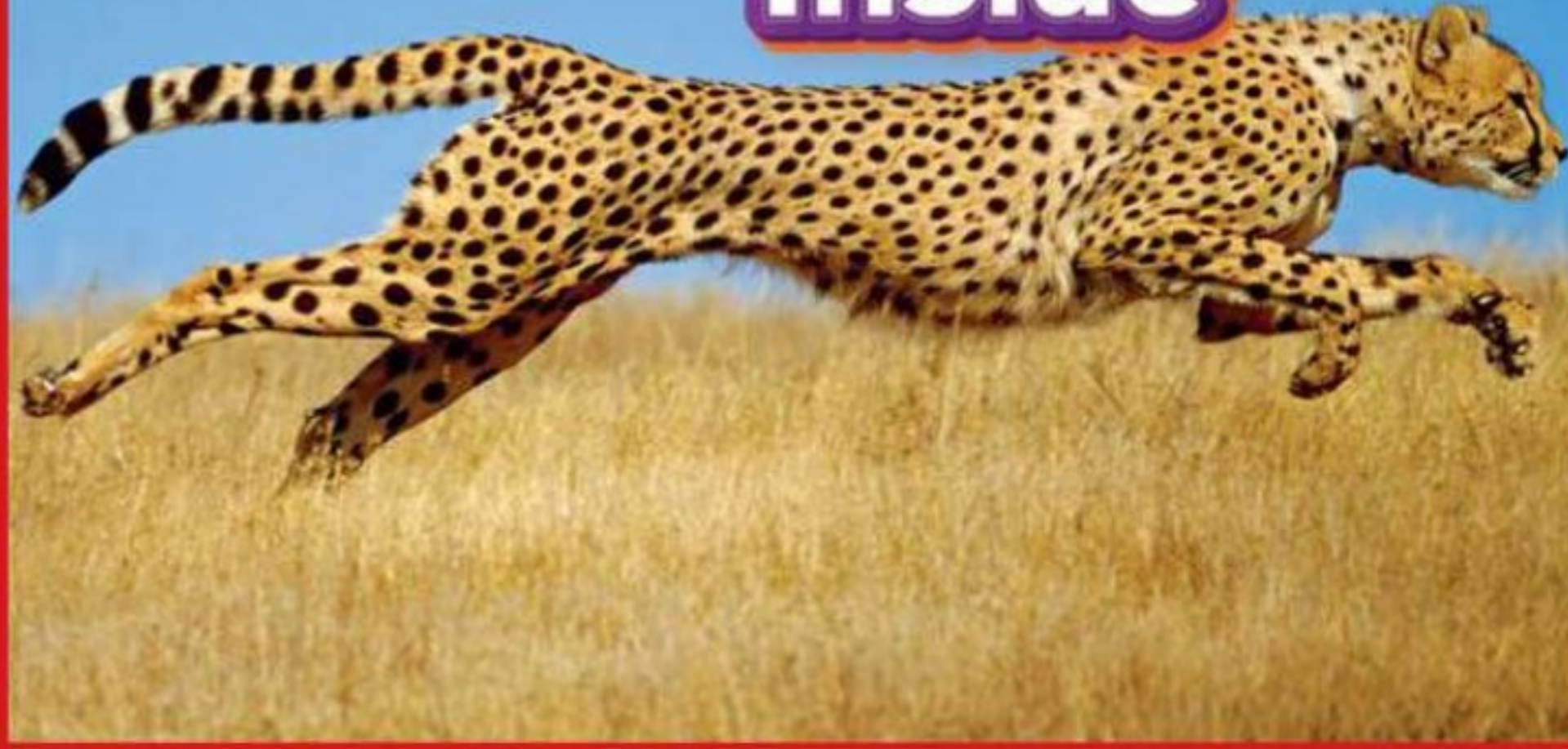
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{inside} SCOOP

BY FIONA THOMSON



THE CHOIR CELEBRATES GOLD AT THE LAST GAMES.

Singing Home the Gold

The famous Tygerberg Children's Choir will be singing for their country at the seventh World Choir Games from 5 to 23 July 2012 in Cincinnati in America. It's the Olympics of choral music and 360 choirs from 48 countries will take part. "Team SA" brought home a double gold from the last Games in China two years ago. Let's hope they do it again.



DIGITAL APES

Going Ape for Apps!

Do you get the feeling that your parents are a bit backward when it comes to the latest digital technology? Looks like it's the same in the ape world. According to news reports six orangutans at Miami Zoo in America have started using iPads to communicate with the zoo keepers. However, 35-year-old Connie and 33-year-old Sinbad are not so interested. The young ones – 14-year-old Hannah, 12-year-old Jake and eight-year-old twin girls Peanut and Pumpkin – are very excited and run to get the tablets first. For now they are using the tablets to let the keepers know what they'd like to eat by pointing at pictures on the screen. But orangutans are so intelligent that it's only a matter of time before they start using them for other things – even communicating with apes in zoos around the world – and developing their own apps (just kidding about that last one ... we think!).



Things you can do to Improve Road Safety

Mandela Day is celebrated on 18 July, which is Nelson Mandela's birthday. On this day people take action to change the world for the better. This year the focus is on road safety to tie in with the launch of the Zenani Campaign, which aims to reduce the number children involved in road accidents. It honours the memory of the former president's great-granddaughter Zenani Mandela who died in a car accident two years ago just after her 13th birthday.

- Always wear a seatbelt.
- Wear a proper helmet when you ride your bike.
- Make sure your parents never drink and drive.
- Wear reflective clothing when you walk along a road at night.
- Buy a Zenani Mandela wristband. The money will be donated to the Road Safety Fund.

I'M BACK, GUYS! NOW WHERE'S MY SUPPER?

Penguin Update

The "great escape" penguin we wrote about in the June issue of NG KIDS has been found alive and well. After 82 days on the loose the one-year-old penguin, who escaped from Tokyo Sea Life Park, was picked up by two of the park's keepers about seven kilometres from home.



DESMOND TUTU WAS AT THE LAUNCH OF MAKE ROADS SAFE IN CAPE TOWN. THIS AND THE ZENANI CAMPAIGN ARE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY.



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HI, KIDS,
MY NAME IS CHUKURU.
I'M THE OFFICIAL
MASCOT FOR TEAM SOUTH
AFRICA FOR THE 2012
OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC
GAMES IN LONDON.
MY NAME COMES FROM
"TSHUKUDU" WHICH IS
SETSWANA AND
SESOTHO FOR
"RHINOCEROS".

On this Day in History

On 18 July 1976 a score of 1.00 flashed up on the scoreboard for the gymnastics at the Summer Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada. The crowd was quiet for a moment before erupting into cheers. The score was actually a perfect 10.0, but the scoreboard was not designed for this as it had never been awarded. The gymnast was 14-year-old Nadia Comaneci from Romania and she still holds the record as the youngest all-round Olympic gymnastics champion.

NADIA COMANECI PERFORMS AT
THE SUMMER OLYMPICS IN 1976.

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MEET A 2012 OLYMPIC TORCHBEARER, 12-YEAR-OLD IZZY BARTER-JONES!

Izzy was born weighing only 1.8 kilograms. When she was ten days old doctors found out that she had hydrocephalus, which is too much water on the brain. She had to have nine operations before her first birthday. Her challenges were not over as she was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis when she was six. She has to take strong painkillers and occasionally needs to go to hospital to have injections in her joints, which is done under general anaesthetic.

NGK: HOW WERE YOU CHOSEN?

IZZY BARTER-JONES: My teachers put my name forward secretly. The Olympic Committee was looking for people with extraordinary courage and determination and out of a 160 students at my school I was chosen. I reacted in my usual cool way, like I do with everything. They said I'd battled against so many difficulties, I could inspire others.

NGK: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A TORCHBEARER?

IBJ: I was one of the Torchbearers who carried the Olympic Flame through the United Kingdom. There are 8 000 holes in the Torch which represent the Torchbearers. I'm one of the holes! On 27 July the final Torchbearer will run into the stadium in London and light the Olympic Cauldron. An exciting day, because that is the opening day of the Games!

NGK: HOW WAS THE RELAY DAY?

IBJ: My big day was 22 May and my "run" was in Trowbridge, a town in Wiltshire. I managed the crowds and photographers by making it all really funny. That's how I get through things. The Torch was fixed to my wheelchair. It's only the Flame that's passed from one person



IZZY'S TOP
SHOWS WHAT
NUMBER
TORCH BEARER
SHE WAS.



to the next
and I can keep
my Torch forever.

After I passed over the Flame, the fuel was removed from my Torch and it was given to me in a cloth case. I'm not sure where I'm going to put it yet, but no one I know will have an Olympic Torch in their bedroom. There was a live webcam link from the London 2012 Olympic website that follows every Torchbearer with the Olympic Flame, so lots of my friends could watch as it happened. I was the youngest Torchbearer that day and the atmosphere with the crowd, my friends and family was just fantastic. They were shouting "Go, Izzy, go!"

NGK: WHAT IS YOUR SCHOOL DOING?

IBJ: My school is organising lots of activities, including meeting Olympians, Olympic-themed classes and joining an attempt for the world record number of people to make up the Olympic rings.

NGK: WHAT WILL YOU BE WATCHING?

IBJ: The football, because I love the sport and I'll be supporting the England team.

Amazing Animals

EXCUSE ME, WAITER. I'D LIKE SECONDS, PLEASE.



SEAL WAVES FOR FOOD



Dublin, Ireland

Charlie the harbour seal knows how to get people's attention – he waves at them! The marine mammal isn't greeting visitors with a hearty hello, though. He's hoping for some chow.

Whenever tourists arrive at his harbour with bits of fish to feed the seals, Charlie starts motioning. He sticks his flipper out of the water and flaps it back and forth until the visitors toss him a snack. "Out of all the seals, Charlie definitely gets the most food and the most laughs," says wildlife photographer Paul Hughes, who has snapped pictures of the hungry seal's gestures.

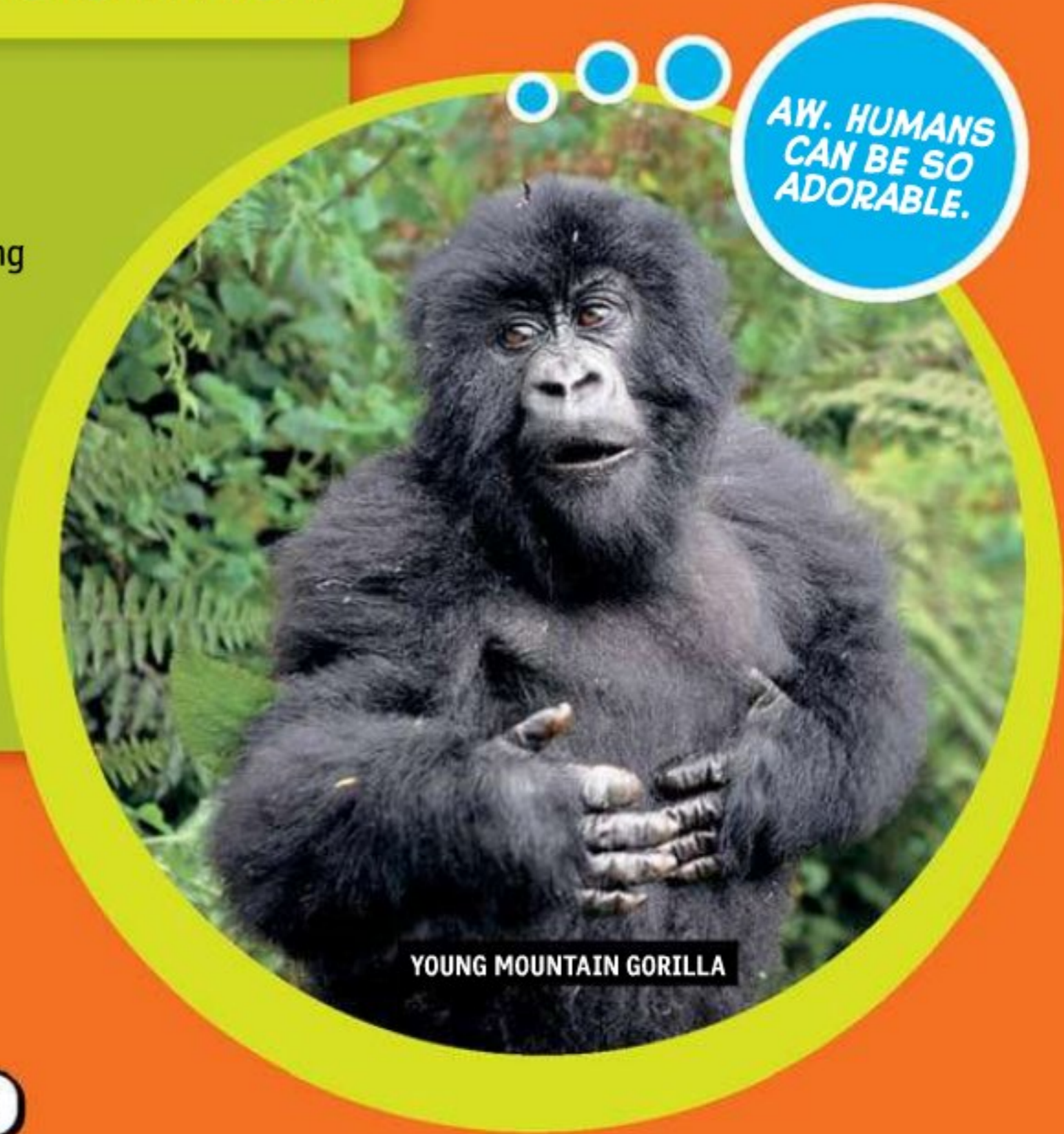
Seals wave when they're too hot or trying to drive off other seals. "But these animals are very smart," says Sheryl Fink, a director at the International Fund for Animal Welfare. "Charlie seems to have learnt that he'll be rewarded with food if he waves." This savvy seal deserves a hand.

GORILLAS GROOM TOURIST

Southwestern Uganda

Talk about a wild experience. Wildlife photographer John King was standing outside a visitor lodge that borders Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park when a family of apes appeared. As he knelt down to take pictures, three young gorillas approached. They spent the next few minutes grooming him. "Their touch was almost human and gentle," John says.

Hungry gorillas in the park occasionally come near the lodge looking for wild celery that grows nearby. Tourists don't interact with the apes and until now none of the gorillas have been seen coming so close to humans at the camp. What drew the apes to John? "Young gorillas are like curious kids," says Craig Sholley of the African Wildlife Foundation. "They enjoy inspecting the world around them." John adds: "They made me feel like one of the gang."



AW. HUMANS CAN BE SO ADORABLE.

YOUNG MOUNTAIN GORILLA



Charlie

Graeme

Gorillas

ALL ABOARD!



THE PLATFORM WHERE GRAEME HANGS OUT

CAT WAITS FOR TRAIN

Melbourne, Australia

Graeme the cat doesn't hang out at home waiting for his owner, Nichole O'Duffy, to return from work at the end of the day. He goes to the train station to meet her.

"One day Graeme just showed up," says Nichole, who adopted the cat from a friend. Now he sees off his owner each morning and returns for her in the evening. As he waits, the feline enjoys pats from other commuters. When the train pulls in and the doors open, he sits patiently behind the yellow safety line.

Experts can't completely explain Graeme's behaviour. "Cats possess superb memories and like having a routine," veterinarian Amber Andersen says. "But Graeme's story is extraordinary." Wonder if he makes airport pickups, too?

Incredible Animal Friends

STOP
HOGGING
THE
OTTER.



BY KITSON JAZYNKA

OTTER ADORES KITTEN PALS

Somerset, England

When Otto the otter had finished his daily bathtub swim, he'd dry off. But not with a towel. The cub would rub his soggy head against his four kitten friends. "The kitties loved Otto," says Pauline Kidner, founder of the Secret World Wildlife Centre where the otter lives. "They even let him use them as hair dryers!"

Otto arrived at Secret World after he was found abandoned on a riverbank. To keep him from getting lonely, caretakers introduced the otter to a litter of newborn kittens. At first the babies mostly slept. "They would snuggle in and wrap their limbs around one another for warmth," Pauline says. As they grew up, they became inseparable playmates. One favourite toy was Otto's tail, which the kittens batted with their paws. Otto liked to chase the cats playfully as they bounded around their home.

The kittens were adopted and now Otto is bonding with another otter at the centre. Luckily Otto's new buddy—like his kitty pals—doesn't mind getting a little wet.

EURASIAN OTTER

TYPE Mammal

RANGE Europe, Asia and parts of Africa

NIGHT OWLS Eurasian otters are usually more active after dark.

MUD SLIDE These playful creatures like gliding on their bellies in mud.

DOMESTIC CAT

TYPE Mammal

RANGE Every continent except Antarctica

PURR-ACHUTE A cat falling through the air spreads out its body like a parachute to slow down and have a softer landing.

TWIST AND SHOUT Cats can turn their ears back 180 degrees to hear sounds behind them.



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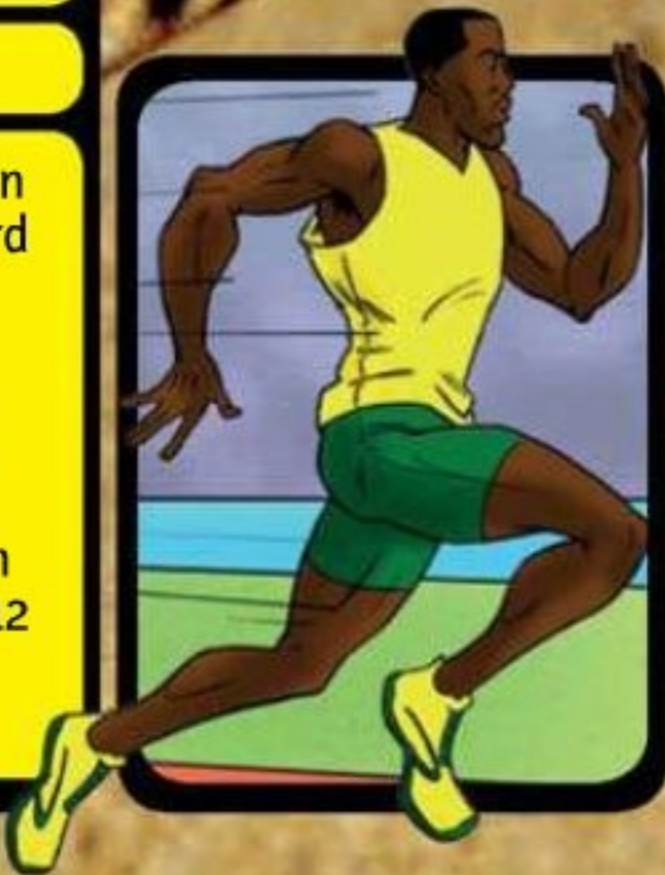
BY MARYLOU TOUSIGNANT

FASTEST HUMAN

NAME Usain Bolt

COUNTRY Jamaica

CLAIM TO FAME Usain holds the world record of an amazing 9,58 seconds in the 100 metres and has also reached a top speed of 44,17 kilometres per hour. See Usain in action during the 2012 Olympic Games.



ON YOUR MARKS. GET SET. GO! THE ANIMAL OLYMPICS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN.

Higher, Faster, Stronger. That's the motto of this summer's Olympic Games. It's also a goal for the more than one million insect species known to be living today. If an insect meets its goal, it survives. To do this, an insect needs to beat its competition.

Insects are incredible, but can they beat other members of the animal kingdom? To find out, we've put together the Animal Olympics. We've matched insects with some other amazing animals. We'll test each for speed, strength or even their ability to spit. Let the games begin!



CHEETAH

FASTEST

Everyone knows cheetahs are fast. These cats can go from nought to 112 kilometres per hour in seconds. You might think that nothing can outrun these fast felines. You should think again.

Imagine that we shrank a cheetah down to the size of a tiger beetle. Both animals are now at the starting line. They're off!

The tiger beetle moves 170 times its body length in just a single second. The cheetah covers about 20 body lengths per second. The tiger beetle races past the finish line long before the cheetah.

In the wild the tiger beetle moves so fast, its large eyes can't keep up with it. When chasing its dinner, it briefly loses its sight. It has to stop to see. Now that's blinding speed.



PEREGRINE FALCON



ZIPPIEST

Our next two competitors are ready. The peregrine falcon is stretching its wings. This falcon is known for its speed. While diving through the air, it can reach more than 390 kilometres per hour. Since it's one of the fastest fliers, this may not be much of a contest.

Here comes the underdog. It's the green darner. This dragonfly is one of the fastest flying insects. There's even one kind of darner that can jet around at almost 90 kilometres per hour.

There they go! Bird and insect are off to a fast start. Wait. What's that? The dragonfly has stopped. It's hovering. Now it's diving. Oh, this is too much. It's flying backwards!

Those are awesome antics, but the dragonfly can't beat the falcon. The bird's normal speed is close to the dragonfly's best effort. In a race between dragonflies and falcons, the checkered flag goes to the birds.

GREEN DARNER



ZIPPY HUMAN FLYERS

NAME Nasser Al Neyadi and Omar Alhegelan

COUNTRY United Arab Emirates

CLAIM TO FAME These guys performed the highest BASE jump (a jump with only a parachute to break your fall) off a building. The building is 672 metres high and the two jumpers reached speeds of over 220 kilometres per hour during freefall. Look, mum! No wings!



WESTERN LOWLAND GORILLA



STRONGEST HUMAN

NAME Behdad Salimi

COUNTRY Iran

CLAIM TO FAME Don't mess with this guy! Behdad is the world record holder in the weightlifting super heavyweight division. He lifted 214 kilograms, or 1.4 times his own body weight, in one seamless move above his head. Witness his power during the 2012 Olympic Games.

STRONGEST

Now we're ready to see who's the strongest competitor. Here comes the silverback gorilla. This primate is a large and powerful animal.

The gorilla moves through the jungle and stops to flex its muscles. Its arm muscles are larger than its leg muscles and it uses them to break heavy branches.

The horned dung beetle is going to test its strength against the gorilla's. Wow. The gorilla has to win this contest. Some scientists say the gorilla can lift ten times its weight.

Not so fast. Scientists studying the beetle found that it can lift a whopping 1 141 times its weight. These beetles often used their super strength to fight other beetles and defend their territory.


Good thing for the gorilla that it isn't the same size as the beetle. There would be a rumble in the jungle. In this contest, the beetle wins.



HORNED DUNG BEETLE



GOLDEN
DRUMMER
CICADA



RED HOWLER
MONKEY

LOUDEST HUMAN

NAME Annalisa
Flanagan

COUNTRY Ireland

CLAIM TO FAME

Annalisa holds the Guinness World Record for the loudest voice. Her voice reached 121,7 decibels! That is as loud as an aeroplane's engine and even louder than a rock concert. Worst of all ... she's a teacher! Don't forget to do your homework.



LOUDEST

Up next is an ear-splitting competition. We're looking for the world's loudest animal. Let's start with the howler monkey. Its cries can be heard for five kilometres through thick rain forest.

The howler monkey lives up to its name. It may not be louder than the cicada, though. A male cicada has a thick membrane across its abdomen. It makes a clicking sound by moving this membrane. A chamber inside its body makes the clicking sound louder. It's so loud, it could cause hearing loss in people.

When a howler monkey goes up against a cicada, it's a tie. The monkey's sound carries 12 times farther than the cicada's. Yet its sound isn't as intense. So the cicada wins on volume, but the howler monkey wins on distance.

LUBBER GRASSHOPPER



WETTEST

Perhaps you should put on a raincoat for our last contest. A lubber grasshopper and an archerfish are both champion spitters. We're going to see which one can spit the farthest.

The grasshopper spits a brown liquid to keep predators away and the archerfish shoots a spray of water to knock flying insects out of the air. Then the fish gobbles up the fallen bugs.

The hungry fish goes after lots of insects, including grasshoppers. This is one contest the grasshopper doesn't want to lose. After all, if the fish misses, it aims again and again. It can spit six or seven times in a row.

Watch out! Predator and prey are spitting at each other. This contest is going nowhere! Despite all the splatter from the spitting, the Animal Olympics were a success. The insects didn't win every event but they showed they are strong contenders in the animal kingdom. They may be small, but they are among the strongest, fastest and loudest creatures on Earth.

ARCHERFISH



SPITTING CHAMP

NAME Shaun van Rensburg

COUNTRY South Africa

CLAIM TO FAME Kudu dung spitting is a real sport! Shaun is the record holder for spitting a small pellet of kudu dung the farthest! The world record in is a distance of 15,56 metres. Wonder what kudus think of this sport?



Meet an OLYMPIC ATHLETE

BY JANI COETZEE

DID YOU KNOW?
Early javelins were made of wood, so it was very hard to throw them the distances we see in the modern games.

The team at NG KIDS can't wait for the Olympic Games to start. But here's someone who is more excited because she'll be in London, representing South Africa!

Sunette Viljoen is a javelin thrower who holds the African record. She'll be trying her hardest to bring a gold medal home. Sunette is a physical education teacher and lives in Rustenburg, Gauteng. She's really good at more than just one sport and has played test cricket for the South African women's team.

NG KIDS met her and asked her a few questions.

NGK: WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST DREAM? SUNETTE VILJOEN:

My greatest dream is winning an Olympic gold medal and holding the world record in the javelin event.

NGK: WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL AND WHY?

SV: The lion for its strength, grace and heart. When it fights, it fights to the end and it will never give up. It's the leader of the animal kingdom and I see myself as a lioness dominating her field. I also like what they say about the black widow spider: the female bite is the deadliest.

NGK: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?

SV: I loved playing sports, so I enjoyed physical education very much.

NGK: ANY TIPS FOR NG KIDS READERS WHO ARE ASPIRING OLYMPIC ATHLETES?

SV: Keep going, persevere, have courage, work and practise hard. It takes blood, sweat and tears as well as disappointment to get to the top. You need self-discipline, motivation, commitment and a flame in your heart for what you do.



LIONS ARE HER FAVOURITE ANIMAL.

SUNETTE'S PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS

- ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BRONZE MEDAL
- TWO ALL-AFRICA GAMES BRONZE MEDALS
- TWO AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS GOLD MEDALS
- ONE AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SILVER MEDAL
- ONE COMMONWEALTH GAMES GOLD MEDAL

"My greatest dream is to win an Olympic gold medal."



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Bet you
**didn't
know**

BY DELENÉ VAN DER LUGT



hot facts about the **Olympic torch**



1 It looks like gold, but the 2012 torch is made of a **special aluminium alloy** used in building cars.

2 The torch (but not the flame) has been to space in **1996 and 2000.**

3 The flame is ignited by the **sun's rays** using a **mirror** in **Olympia, Greece.**

4 In **2000** a torch was designed to **burn underwater** and went past the **Great Barrier Reef** in Australia.

5 **Magnesium, gunpowder, resin, olive oil** and **propane** have been used as fuel.

6 On aircraft, where **open flames** **ARE NOT** allowed, the flame is kept in an enclosed lamp.

1 THE GREEK OLYMPICS (776 BC)



were held in honour of Zeus, king of the gods, and were staged every four years at Olympia. They inspired the modern Olympic Games which started in 1896.

2 ANCIENT GREEK WINNERS WERE GIVEN A WREATH OF LEAVES AND A HERO'S WELCOME BACK HOME.



3 AT THE FIRST RECORDED ANCIENT GAMES IN 776 BC A MAN NAMED COROEBUS WON THE STADION, OR FOOT RACE.

4 THE LONDON GAMES in 1948 were the first to be shown on home television, but very few people in Great Britain owned sets.



5 About 260 000 loaves of bread will be eaten at the London 2012 Olympics.



6 More than 14 000 ATHLETES will compete in London – 10 500 IN the OLYMPIC and 4 200 in the PARALYMPIC Games.



COOL THINGS ABOUT THE

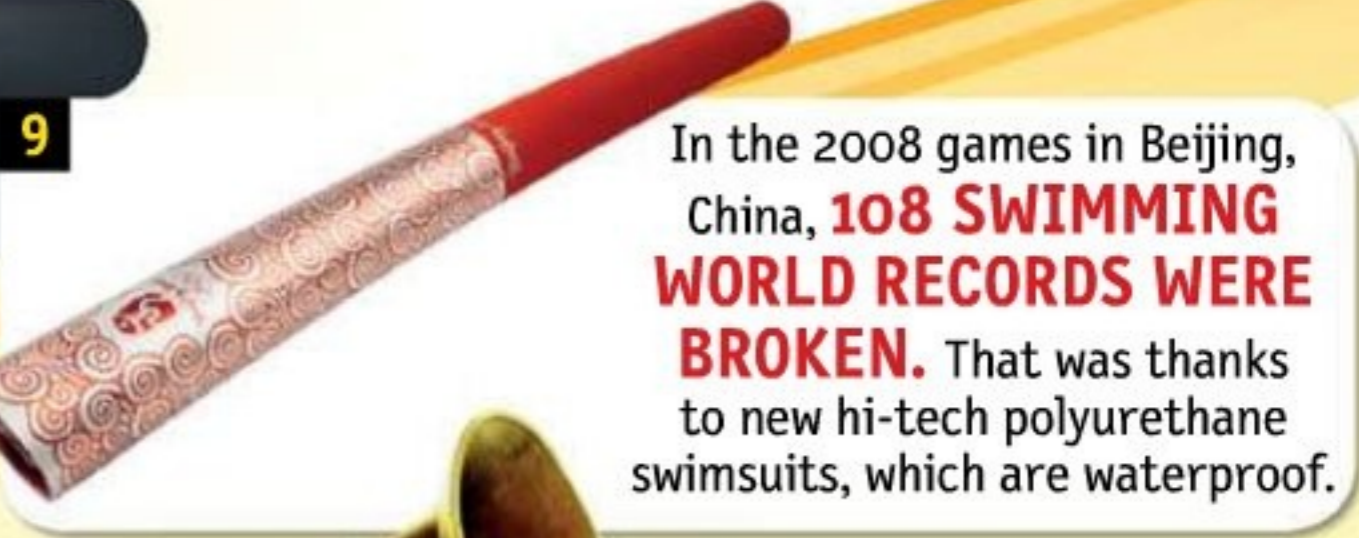
7 **MARK SPITZ** HELD THE RECORD FOR MOST GOLD MEDALS WON AT A SINGLE OLYMPICS FOR 36 YEARS. IN MUNICH IN 1972 HE WON ALL SEVEN OF HIS SWIMMING EVENTS AND SET A WORLD RECORD IN EACH ONE.



8 London is the first city to host the Olympic games three times – IN 1908, 1948 AND 2012.



In the 2008 games in Beijing, China, **108 SWIMMING WORLD RECORDS WERE BROKEN.** That was thanks to new hi-tech polyurethane swimsuits, which are waterproof.



10 **WOMEN COULD COMPETE IN THE MODERN GAMES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PARIS, FRANCE IN 1900 – IN TENNIS AND GOLF.**



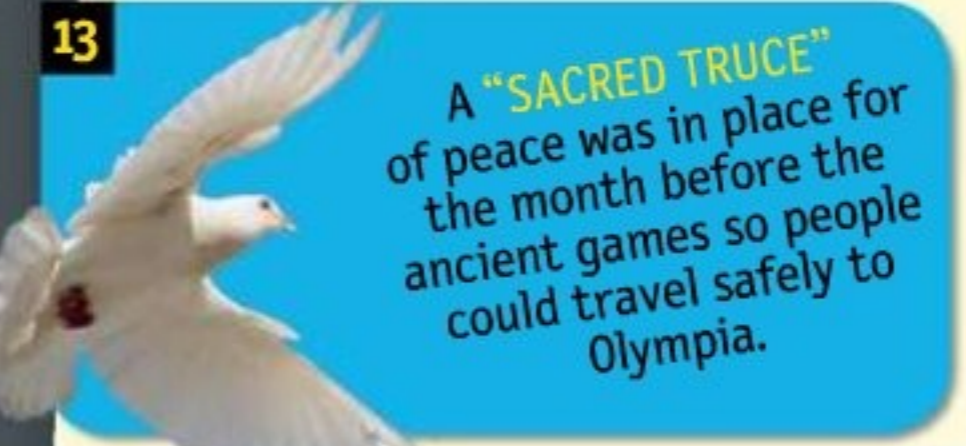
11 Of the MATERIAL that will be RECLAIMED from DEMOLITION in LONDON'S OLYMPIC PARK, 90 PERCENT can be reused or RECYCLED.



12 THE ANCIENT OLYMPIC GAMES INCLUDED COMPETITIONS FOR TRUMPETERS.



13 A "SACRED TRUCE" of peace was in place for the month before the ancient games so people could travel safely to Olympia.



14 EVEN IN ANCIENT TIMES CHEATERS WERE FINED. The money was used to erect a statue of the god Zeus and the cheater's name was written on the base of the statue.

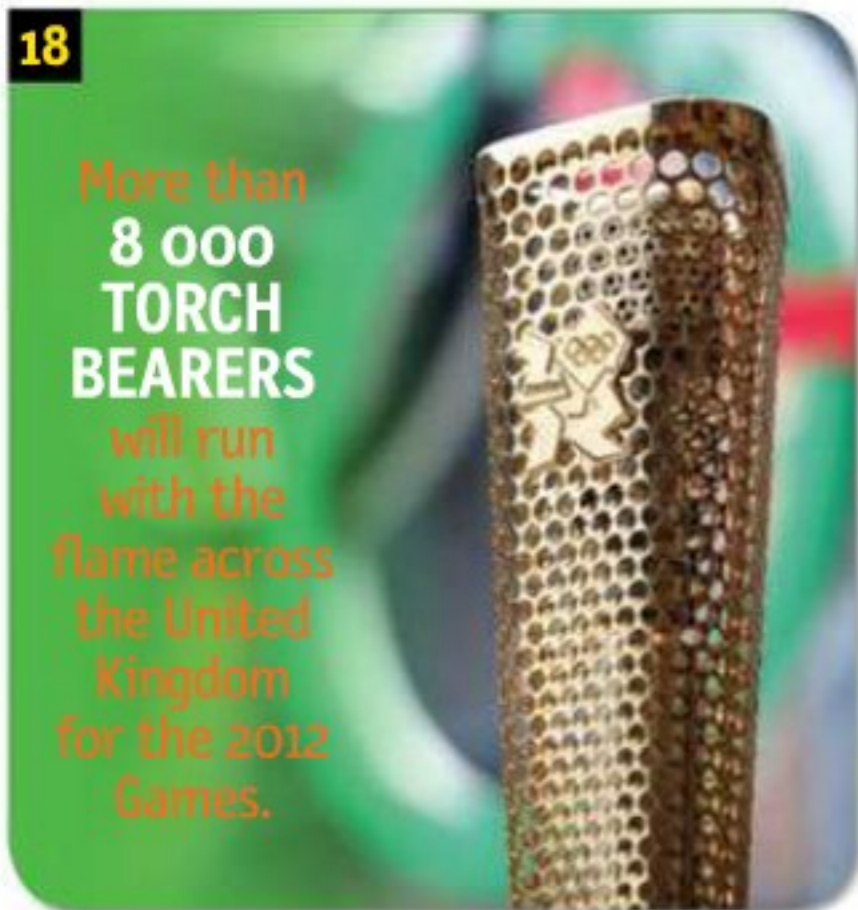


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South African athletes have won a total of **70 medals** in the Olympic Summer Games.

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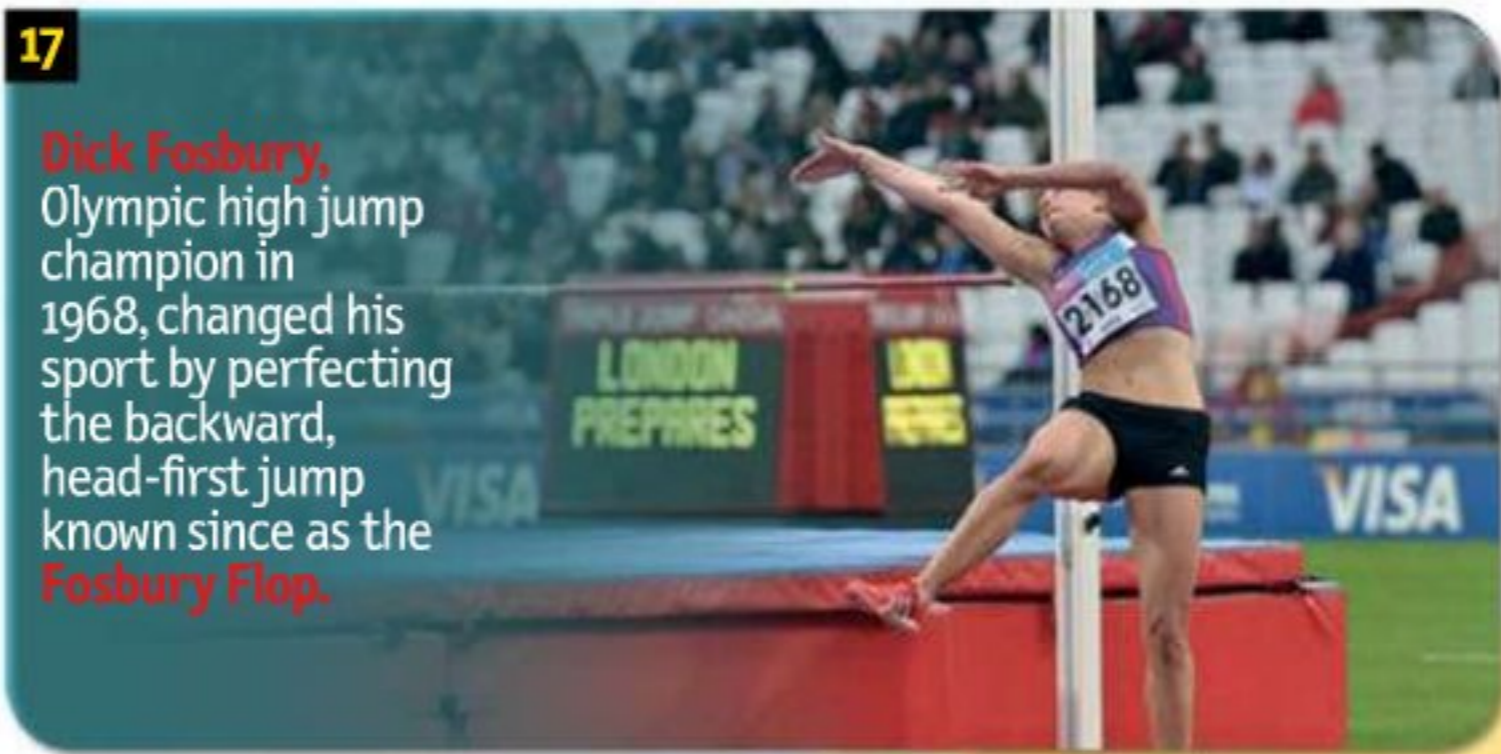
More than **8 000 TORCH BEARERS** will run with the flame across the United Kingdom for the 2012 Games.

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THE ANCIENT GREEK RUNNING TRACK WAS 183 METRES LONG. THE GREEKS CALLED THIS MEASUREMENT A STADE – FROM WHICH WE GET THE WORD STADIUM.

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Dick Fosbury, Olympic high jump champion in 1968, changed his sport by perfecting the backward, head-first jump known since as the **Fosbury Flop**.



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PANKRATION – A COMBINATION OF WRESTLING AND BOXING – was considered one of the toughest sports of the ancient games.

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The four years between the modern summer Games are called an **OLYMPIAD**.

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Starting blocks in sprint races were used for the first time in 1948.

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Due to the First and **SECOND WORLD WARS** the games were cancelled in



1916, 1940 and 1944.

THE OLYMPICS

BY DELENÉ VAN DER LUGT

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THERE WERE MORE ATHLETES THAN SPECTATORS AT THE 1900 GAMES IN PARIS.

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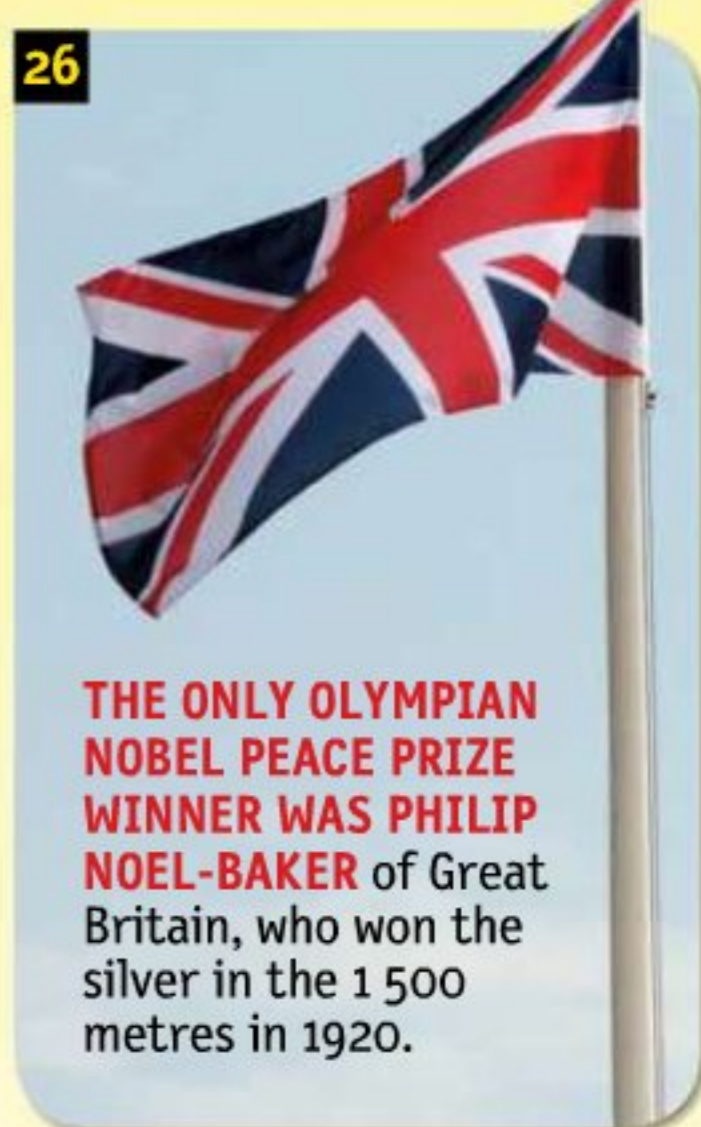
SCHUSS, A CARTOON-LIKE CHARACTER ON SKIS, was the first, though unofficial, **MASCOT** of the games in 1968.

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At the opening ceremony Greece marches first and the host nation enters last.

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THE ONLY OLYMPIAN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER WAS **PHILIP NOEL-BAKER** of Great Britain, who won the silver in the 1 500 metres in 1920.

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THE GODDESS NIKE HAS BEEN DEPICTED ON THE MEDALS AWARDED AT EACH OF THE SUMMER GAMES SINCE 1928.

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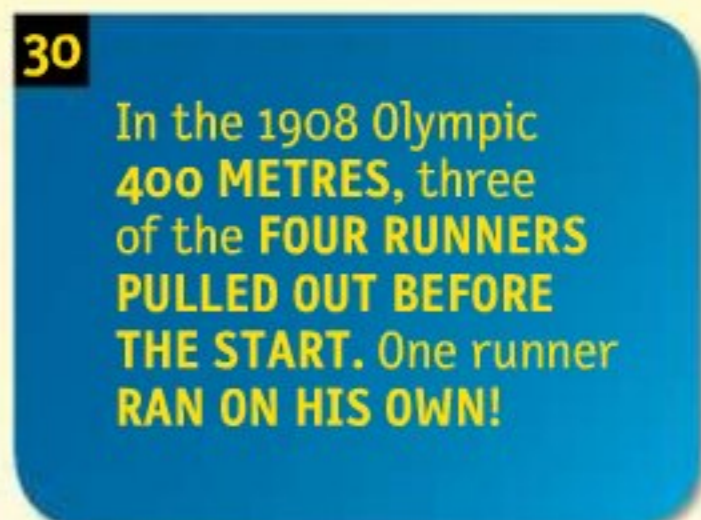
In 2016 **RIO DE JANEIRO** will become the **FIRST SOUTH AMERICAN CITY** to host the Olympic Games.

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South Africa's first Olympians, Len Tau and John Mashiani, ran the marathon in **1904**, at the St. Louis Games in America.

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In the 1908 Olympic **400 METRES**, three of the **FOUR RUNNERS** PULLED OUT BEFORE THE START. One runner **RAN ON HIS OWN!**

The Truth Behind the New Movie

ICE AGE 4

CONTINENTAL DRIFT

BY JOHNNA RIZZO

In the new movie *Ice Age: Continental Drift*, Manny the mammoth, Sid the sloth and Diego the sabre-toothed cat are in trouble. The slab of ice they're standing on breaks off a glacier and drifts out to sea. As the animals steer their ice raft home, they face hypnotising sea creatures, animal pirates and toxic plants. Would real Ice Age animals keep their cool? NG KIDS slid behind the scenes for answers.

Scientists think a devastating ice age 195 million years ago would have wiped out many species on Earth. One of the few places that remained ice-free was a strip along the southern coast of South Africa.

ON THE DEFENCE

Animal pirate Raz the kangaroo is always ready for battle. She even keeps cannonballs in her pouch! Real kangaroos are more likely to flee a foe than fight it. "They use their speed to avoid predators," says Glen Ericson of the Melbourne Zoo in Australia.

ANIMAL MAGNET

Sea creatures sing a song that bewitches Diego. Real sabre-toothed cats would be drawn more to good smells than sounds. They couldn't resist following a yummy scent – even if it put them in danger. Scientists have found more than 2 000 sabre-toothed cat fossils in a California tar pit – a piece of land covered by a sticky, tar-like ooze. Lured by the smell of animal carcasses, the cats soon got stuck in the mucky ground.

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SID LEADS THE TRIO ON THEIR LONG TREK HOME.



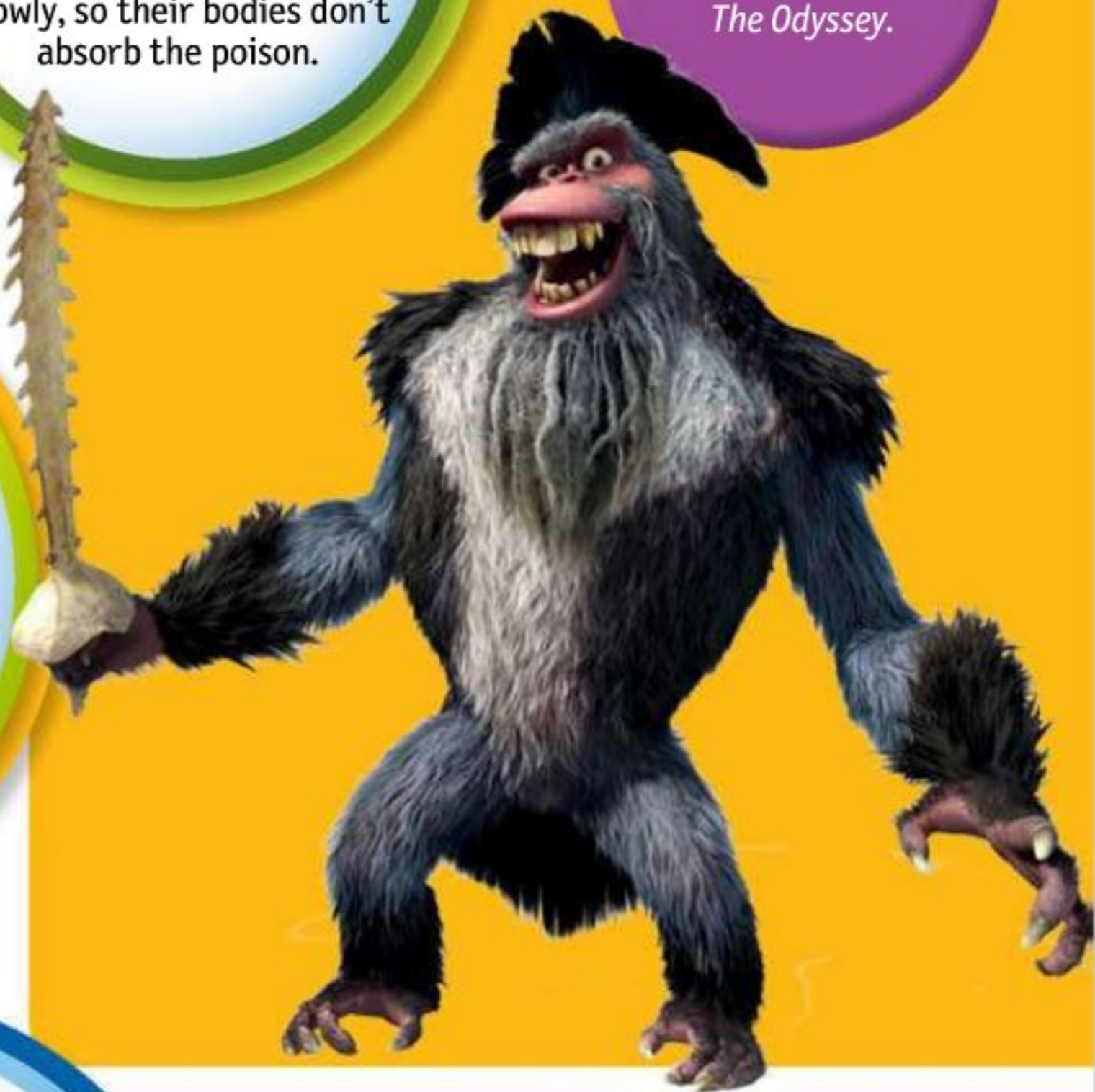
SNACK ATTACK

Sid is temporarily paralysed after eating a toxic berry. Real sloths can eat many poisonous plants safely. They digest food very slowly, so their bodies don't absorb the poison.

The movie's plot was inspired by an ancient Greek epic called *The Odyssey*.

MEET-AND-GREET

When Captain Gutt, the prehistoric orangutan leader of the animal pirates, meets Manny, he tries to shake the mammoth's trunk. Real orangutans living today aren't so polite. They may shake tree branches or blow a raspberry to scare away unfamiliar animals.



SURF'S UP

During a storm giant waves toss the animals' ice raft into a whirlpool. To keep from falling overboard, Manny rides the ice like a surfboard. A real mammoth would have made a terrible surfer. This bulky creature didn't have great balance on slippery surfaces. If it raised just one foot too high, it would topple over.





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- 2 Give your dish an **original title!**
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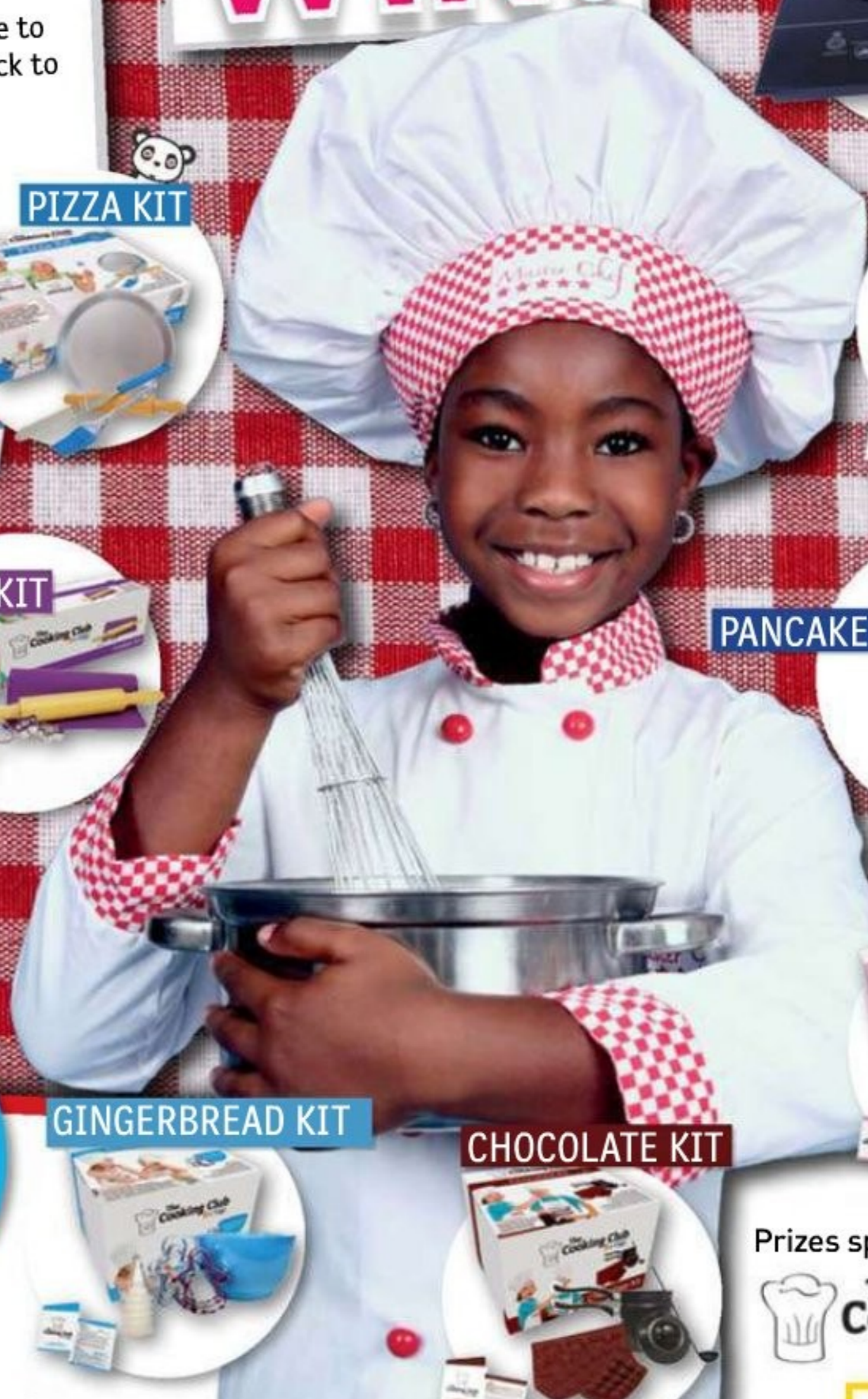
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 Share your creative party snack recipes with us. We would like to taste what you think would be the best savoury or sweet snack to have at your next party!
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SUPERSTRONG FINGERS

How long can you hold a handstand? How about a *finger*-stand? Wang Weibao of China holds the record of 19,23 seconds for balancing on four fingers (that's two fingers on each hand). But Wang isn't always upside down on his fingers. Sometimes he uses his digits to push himself off the ground from a straight-legged sitting position – with a watermelon in his lap. Hey, we'd be impressed even *without* the fruit. – *Sally King*

LARGE AND IN CHARGE

Cassius behaves the way you'd expect the largest crocodile in captivity to behave. The five-metre saltwater croc's diet includes two or three whole chickens a week and he lunges at his keepers at Australia's Marineland Melanesia Zoo. But Cassius also has a soft side. He once "adopted" a young female croc named Zina. At mealtime he'd grab food from the keepers, swim over to Zina and give her the chow before he even had a nibble. Of course he'd swim right back for more. Cassius may be big, but he's not stupid! – *Jen Rini*



CAR ALMOST A TOY



At least the world's smallest car is bigger than most potholes. Perry Watkins built his car, which is the size of a washing machine, using the frame of a coin-operated kiddie ride and an all-terrain vehicle motor. Perry scrunches up his 1,7-metre body to drive the car down the street at about 64 kilometres per hour. Hope it has a loud horn. – *Sally King*

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Polar Bears

A polar bear family sets off into the snowy northern springtime in search of food.

The ground is blanketed by snow. Suddenly a large, white head with black eyes and a black nose pokes out of a hole on a windblown slope. A mother polar bear sniffs the air. When she's satisfied that the area is safe, she squeezes her huge body through the small opening. She hasn't seen daylight in five months. As she rolls around on the crisp snow, one and then two tiny cubs peek out of the hole. They squeal at their mother. She grunts, calling them out of their cosy nursery for the first time. The cubs scramble on to the slope, but they can't keep from sliding down – on top of Mum.



Leaving the Den

Every spring families like this one emerge from their winter dens in search of food. They can't stay here for long. The mother needs to eat and the only food is on the sea ice a few kilometres away. The two-month-old cubs are strong enough to leave the den and cross the frozen frontier in search of food. Their survival depends on it.

A week has passed since the family left their den. They are heading for seal hunting grounds on the sea ice. But now the cubs rest against their mother's belly,

on the Move

BY KAREN DE SEVE



Polar bears have belly buttons just like humans.

which blocks the frigid wind.

Spring temperatures in the Arctic can fall to minus 26 degrees Celsius. Polar bears have coats of hollow hairs that help insulate them against the cold. But it's the layer of fat under their skin that really keeps them warm.

The cubs don't have much fat yet and their mother lost a lot of hers feeding the twins her high-fat milk since giving birth in January.

Now, in March, the mother bear is thin and hungry. But she won't travel without her cubs and they have to rest during the journey.





Some captive polar bears have turned green because algae can grow inside their otherwise colourless hollow hairs.

Polar bears don't always have to drink because they make their own water as they digest seal fat.

Family Ties

"There's a strong attachment between mothers and cubs," says Geoff York, a polar bear biologist with the World Wildlife Fund. The mother keeps the cubs safe and takes them to the sea ice to hunt seals.

"Seals have their pups in spring, so the bears can eat well. Seals are high-calorie meals." Polar bears eat seals for their fat, which keeps the bears warm on the ice and while they swim in the Arctic Ocean.

The mother bear rouses her cubs and marches on.

Long Journey

The three bears step off the snow-covered rocky shore onto the frozen Arctic Ocean. The mother is a skinny 136 kilograms and eating seals will help her regain the 90 kilograms or so she lost over the winter.

But when she encounters thin ice, she must spread her platter-sized paws and lower herself onto her belly so she doesn't fall through. The little cubs, whose weight won't break the ice, walk next to their mother. She

has caught a whiff of a seal lair.

On thicker ice, she stands up and pads quietly to a snowdrift. Ringed seals, the polar bear's main meal, hide their pups in shallow lairs, or caves. The seals dig up from below into snowdrifts on the ice next to a breathing hole.

Hunt for Food

The polar bear mother slams her front paws on the hard snowdrift which covers the sea ice over the seal lair. Imitating her, the two cubs playfully pounce on the snow-covered ice. They think it's a game, but they're learning how to hunt seals. The mother's clawed paws break through the snow and into the lair beneath.

She quickly sticks her head into the hole and comes up with a seal in her jaws. Food at last. She drags the seal away from the watery hole and shares it with her cubs. They will eat whatever Mum catches and also continue nursing for about two more years.

Protecting the Cubs

After eating, the polar bears are on the move again. The ice has cracked ahead of them. The mother bear steps across the open water, but her cubs are too small to make it. Using the same fierce teeth that just killed a seal, she grasps each cub by the back of the neck and lifts it across the water. "They can be gentle," says Tom



Smith, a bear biologist at Brigham Young University and researcher with Polar Bears International. "The cub's skin is paper-thin, but she can pick it up without piercing the neck."

The cubs will stay under the watchful eye of their mother for another two years before they will be ready to live on their own.

Sea Bears

By late April the sea ice has broken into floes, or large chunks, scattered across the water. Now the mother bear and her cubs must swim between ice platforms. The cubs' fur isn't thick enough to keep them warm in the water for long. They also don't have the thick layer of fat yet which protects adult bears. So they climb on to their mother's back and she ferries them across 30 metres of open water.

In summer the ice will melt even more and the bear family may have to swim longer distances to solid footing, either on ice or on land. The healthy adult female can swim hundreds of kilometres on her own if she has to, but she can't hunt or nurse in open water. She would probably lose her cubs if she had to go far.

Close Encounters

Luckily there is solid sea ice ahead. Using her sharp claws, the mother bear pulls herself on to the ice. The cubs slide off their mum and shake their wet fur. Then comes dinner: they spot a seal carcass. Most of the seal fat is gone, but there's still meat left, so they start to snack on the scraps. Suddenly a large male polar bear appears from behind a snow mound, returning to his catch after a nap. He growls and the mother bear backs

The paws of a polar bear are about 30 centimetres across. They act like paddles when the bear is swimming.

away from the seal with her cubs behind her. He could easily kill the family. He decides he's full and walks away instead. In autumn, when sea ice is scarce and seals are harder to find, the male might not be so generous.

The polar bear family will make the sea ice their home for now. They will hunt and feast as the cubs learn skills they'll need to survive on their own.

Disappearing Ice

Polar bears are good swimmers, but they aren't quick enough to catch seals easily in open water. They use the ice as a hunting platform. The bears wait near seal breathing holes or at the ice's edge for a seal to surface, then snatch it from the sea. Recently, climate change has caused warmer weather in the Arctic. The sea ice melts earlier and forms much later. Researchers are watching polar bears closely to see how they adapt to changing conditions.



THE NEW

WONDERS

OF THE WORLD

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WONDERS OF THE WORLD

BY PIETER VAN DER LUGT

Have you ever made a list? It's a great way to remember things, like what you must do today, what you need for a project or what you never want to forget.

Making a list can be fun as well, so you can be sure the Greek writer Antipatros had a great time when he decided 2 200 years ago to make a list of the seven greatest monuments and buildings in the world.

Sadly only one his seven wonders, the pyramids of Giza in Egypt, still exists. But people still love lists and in 2007

they got a chance to pick seven new wonders in a special project. More than 100 million votes were counted and now we have a new list of seven wonders of the world.

Those are wonders created by humans, but what about nature's wonders? Last year 220 countries entered 440 sites of great beauty for a new poll to pick the seven wonders of nature.

Let's find out more about them – and of course we'll start with our very own Table Mountain.

Table Mountain

WHERE: Cape Town

WONDER FACTOR: Scientists believe it is about 500 million years old and one of the world's oldest mountains. It is 1 086 metres tall at its highest point and on a clear day you can see up to 100 kilometres in all directions from the top. In 2004 it was declared a World Heritage site to protect its unique fynbos. There are as many as 2 200 plant species on the mountain and some aren't found anywhere else.

CLAIM TO FAME: Table Mountain is the only thing on our planet which gave its name to a constellation. Mensa, which means "the table", was named by a French astronomer who visited Cape Town in the 18th century to study the stars.

Iguazú Falls



WHERE: On the border between Brazil and Argentina in South America

WONDER FACTOR: Imagine a 2 700 metre-long half circle of cliffs with water falling over them and you have some idea why Iguazú is so spectacular. A cloud of spray rises up to 30 metres from its 275 cascades. Most of the water tumbles down the largest cascade, Devil's Throat, which is 80 metres tall.

CLAIM TO FAME: The falls feature in several movies, including *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

WHERE: Vietnam

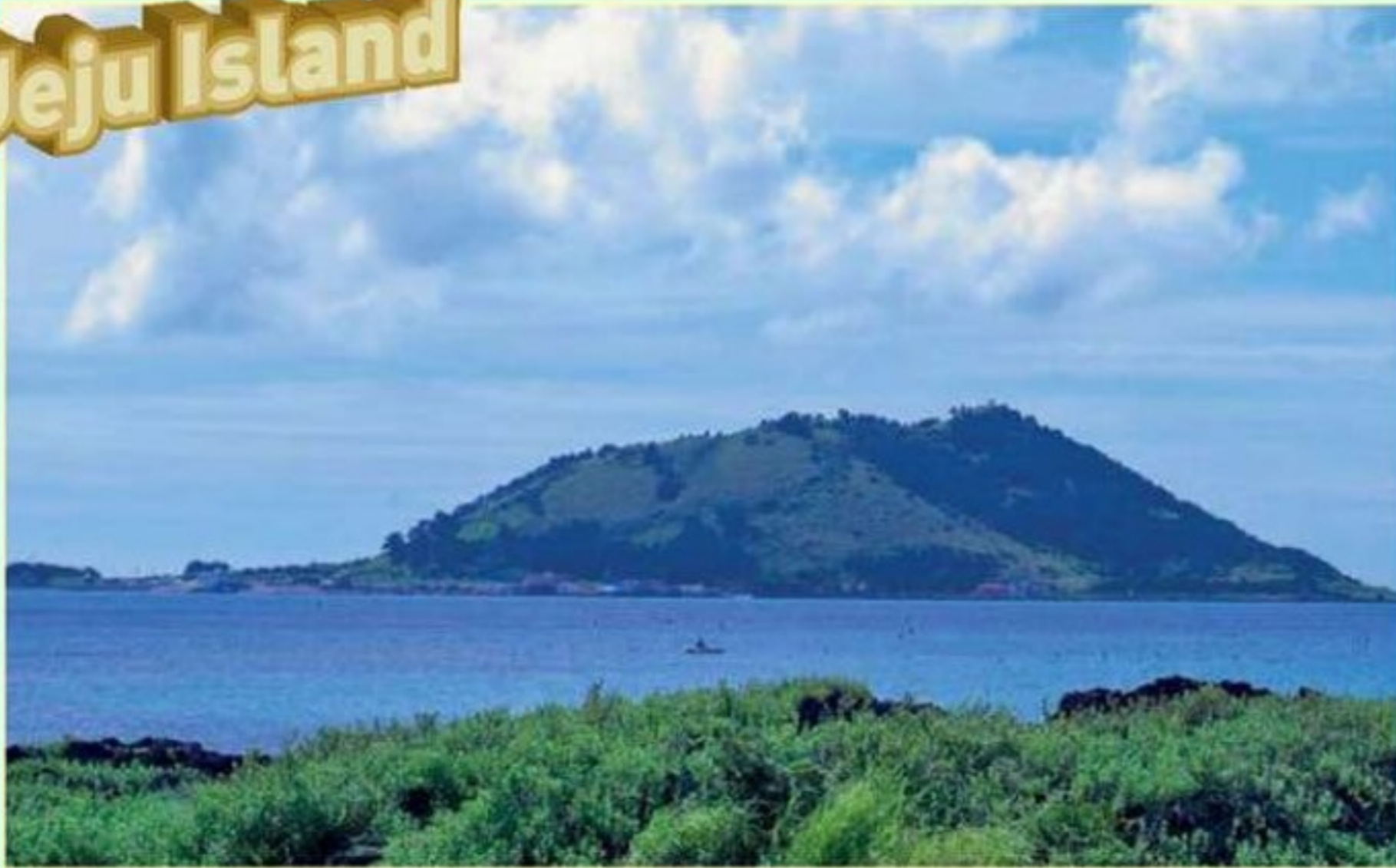
WONDER FACTOR: Along Halong Bay's coastline of 120 kilometres are about 3 000 limestone islands and karsts, a kind of eroded limestone formation, with thick jungle vegetation on top. Some are hollow and many have lakes inside them. Among the islands are four villages of floating houses. The people who live there are fishermen who almost never leave the water.

CLAIM TO FAME: The team from the TV show *Top Gear* ended their Vietnam challenge in Halong Bay, where they built "bike boats" and cruised around the island.



Halong Bay

Jeju Island



WHERE: South Korea

WONDER FACTOR: Jeju is South Korea's largest island and smallest province. Though only 73 kilometres long and 31 kilometres wide, it has three World Heritage sites. One is the volcano Hallasan, which littered the island with unusual black rocks when it was still active and is the country's tallest mountain. It is also the home of 1 565 plant species and 1 179 kinds of animals. The second is Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak and the third is Geomunoreum, a chain of tube-shaped caves formed in hot lava up to 300 000 years ago.

CLAIM TO FAME: Apart from its natural beauty, Jeju is famous for its unique culture and the thousands of couples who go there on honeymoon each year.

Original Wonders

THERE IS AN OLDER LIST OF SEVEN NATURAL WONDERS WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED IN 1997. YOU'LL KNOW MOST OF THESE, BUT NONE OF THEM MADE THE NEW LIST. THEY WERE:

The Grand Canyon in America is 445 kilometres long, up to 46 kilometres wide and over 1 500 metres deep. The rock was carved

by the Colorado river over 6 million years. **The Great Barrier Reef** in Australia is over 2 600 kilometres long and the largest reef on Earth.

The Harbour of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil was formed by sea erosion over millions of years. It is over 141 kilometres long and

Puerto Princesa Underground River

WHERE: Palawan, Philippines
WONDER FACTOR: A river tunnels underground through limestone for 8,2 kilometres. Along the way it passes through chambers up to 120 metres wide and 60 metres high. Then it flows into a huge cave and straight into the South China Sea. Awesome!
CLAIM TO FAME: It's the only natural wonder other than Table Mountain that NG KIDS editor Fiona has visited. "I loved watching monkeys playing at the lagoon before climbing into a canoe to paddle down the river," she says.



Komodo National Park



WHERE: Indonesia
WONDER FACTOR: The park covers a series of dry, hot volcanic islands and was created in 1980 to protect the famous Komodo dragon, which is the world's largest lizard. It lives nowhere else and is such an ancient creature that scientists can learn a lot by studying it.
CLAIM TO FAME: The Komodo dragon, of course. If you go to see them, remember that they can run and swim faster than humans!

WHERE: South America
WONDER FACTOR: The rainforest along the Amazon river is the world's largest forest. It covers 5,5 million square kilometres, stretches over nine countries and produces about 20 percent of Earth's oxygen. Scientists believe up to half of the world's animal species might live in its canopy. Almost a fifth of the world's river water flows down the Amazon river.
CLAIM TO FAME: Almost everyone has heard the nickname "lungs of the world" for the Amazon rainforest and knows it is one of our most precious resources.



Amazon Rainforest

surrounded by unusual granite peaks. **Mount Everest** in Nepal is about 60 million years old and the world's tallest peak. **The Northern Lights**, or the *aurora borealis*, is a display of colourful lights seen in the northern hemisphere when energy particles from the sun collide with Earth's magnetic field.

Paricutin in Mexico is a special kind of volcano which started "growing" on a farmer's field in 1943 and became 424 metres tall. **The Victoria Falls** on the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia is 1,5 kilometres wide and the water plunging 100 metres over its edge creates the largest curtain of water in the world.



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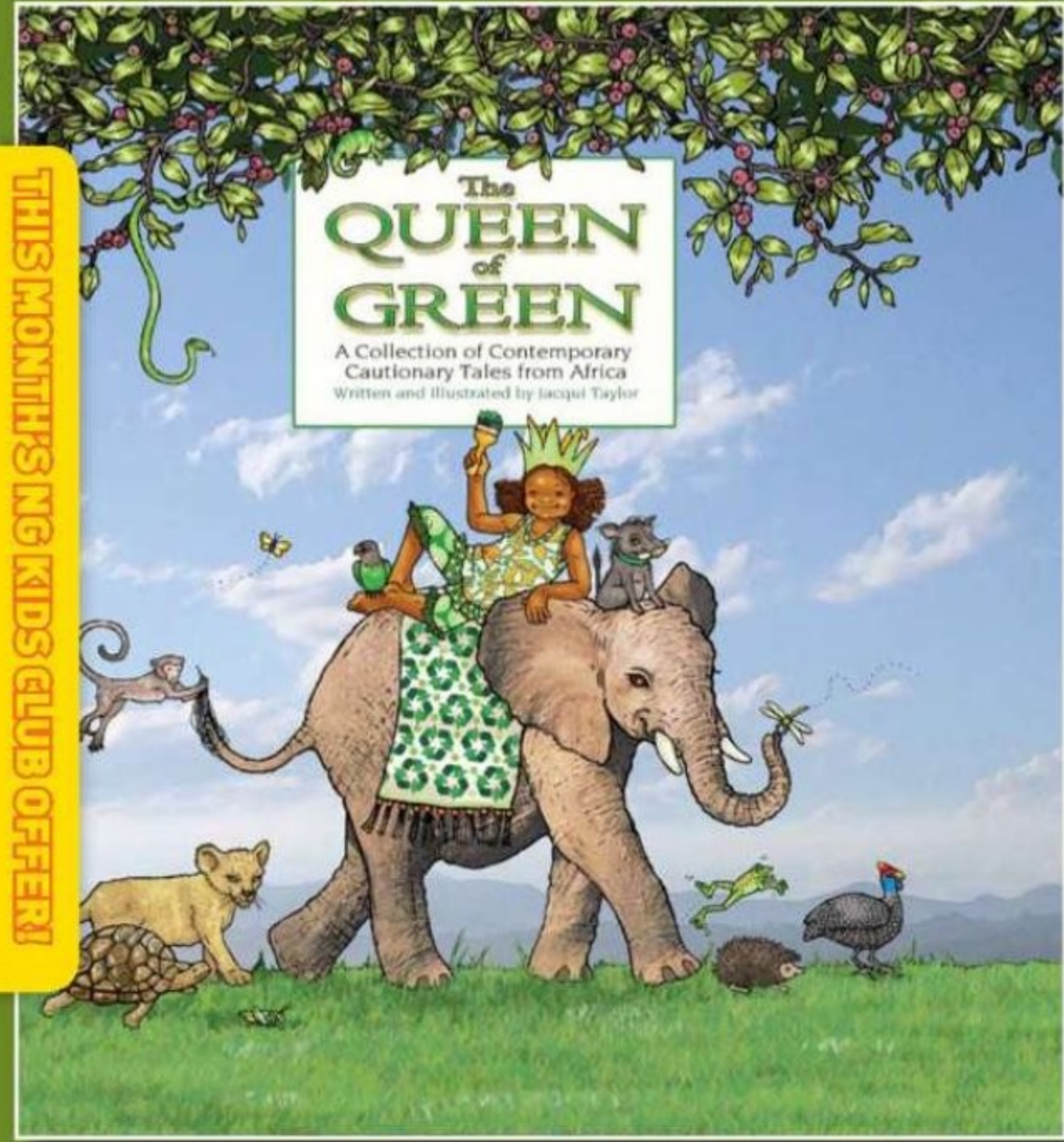


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Fun Stuff

games, laughs and lots to do!



Animal Games

These animals can't wait to show off their athletic abilities in the Summer Sports Spectacular. But they ended up at the wrong events. Match each of the ten numbered animals with the correct venue for their sport. **ANSWERS ON PAGE 50**

What in the World?

OLYMPIC GOLD

At the Olympics, gold is what you want! These photographs show close-up views of golden objects. Unscramble the letters to identify each picture.

Bonus: Use the highlighted letters to solve the puzzle below.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 50



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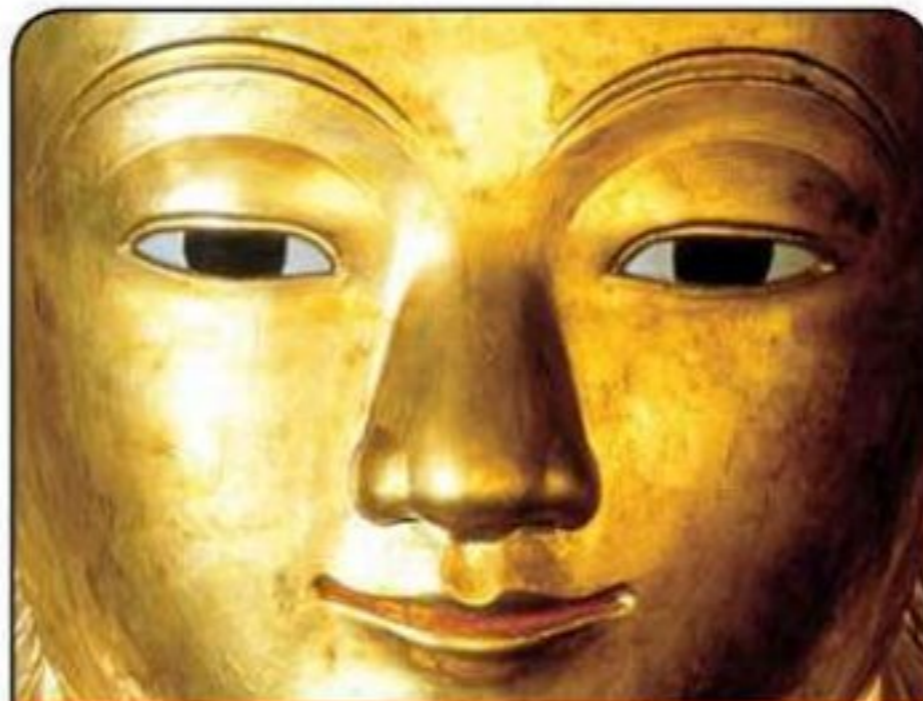
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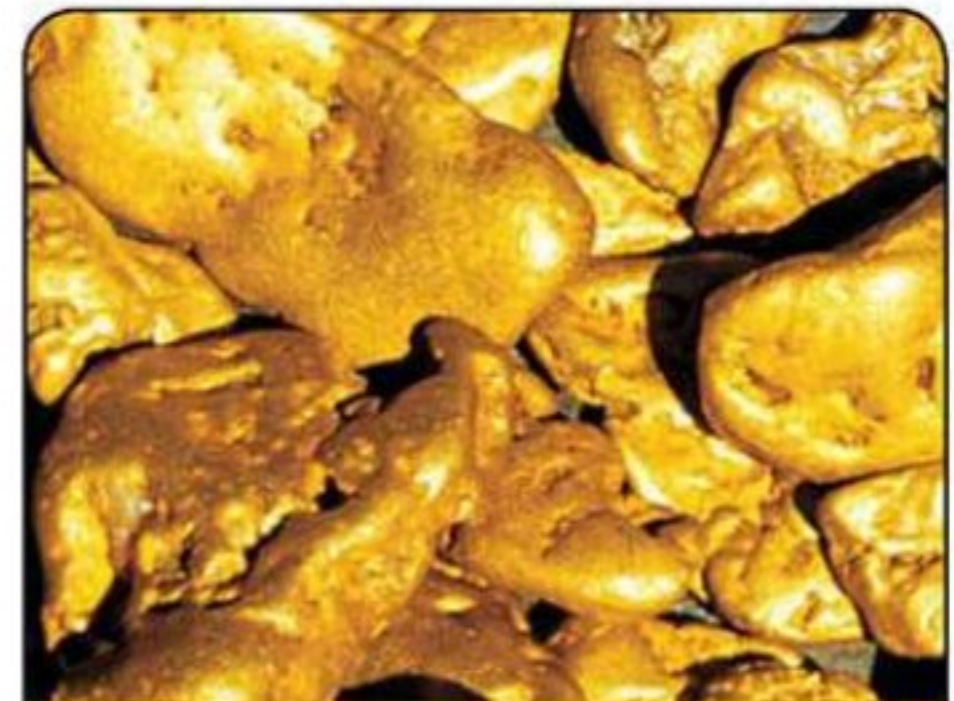
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Sports stars from around the world will try to win one in London this year.

ANSWER: L M M

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STUMP YOUR PARENTS

BY MEG WEAVER

If your parents can't answer these questions, maybe they should go to school instead of you! **ANSWERS ON PAGE 50**



- 1** This year the Summer Olympic Games will take place from 27 July to 12 August in London, England. Which city has hosted the Olympics more than once?
- A. Barcelona, Spain C. Atlanta, Georgia
B. London, England D. Sydney, Australia



- 2** To compete in the Olympic Games, athletes must be younger than _____ years old.
- A. 30 C. 90
B. 60 D. There is no age limit.

- 3** The Olympic rings represent...
- A. the founders' favourite colours.
B. Earth, the sky and oceans.
C. the colours in the flags of every nation.
D. the five main events.



- 4** The Olympic torch has travelled by ...
- A. space shuttle. C. surfboard.
B. camel. D. all of the above

- 5** The first athletes in the Olympic Games wore _____ while competing.
- A. togas C. nothing
B. knee pads D. kilts



- 6** In 2008, BMX was added to the Olympic Games. The 2012 games will include _____ for the first time.
- A. women's boxing C. sport climbing
B. roller sports D. wakeboarding



- 7** The Olympic Games got its name from which historical site?
- A. Mount Olympus, Washington
B. Olynthus, Macedonia
C. Olympia, Egypt
D. Olympia, Greece

- 8** Which 1930s movie character was played by an Olympic swimmer?
- A. Tarzan
B. Sherlock Holmes
C. The Hunchback of Notre Dame
D. Rin Tin Tin



- 9** About _____ meals will be served each day at the Olympic Village in London.
- A. 20 000 C. 100 000
B. 45 000 D. 500 000

- 10** The mascots for the 2012 Summer Olympics and Paralympics are named ...
- A. O'Shannon and Riley.
B. Wenlock and Mandeville.
C. Peanut Butter and Jelly.
D. Ashley and Bob.



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sports funnies

uh-oh!

BY JANI COETZEE

MAYBE NO ONE WILL NOTICE THAT I'M BALANCING MY LUCKY EGG ON MY HEAD.

Australia's Robert Hammond (right) in action against India's Sardar Singh (left) during an international hockey tournament in the Olympic Park in London.



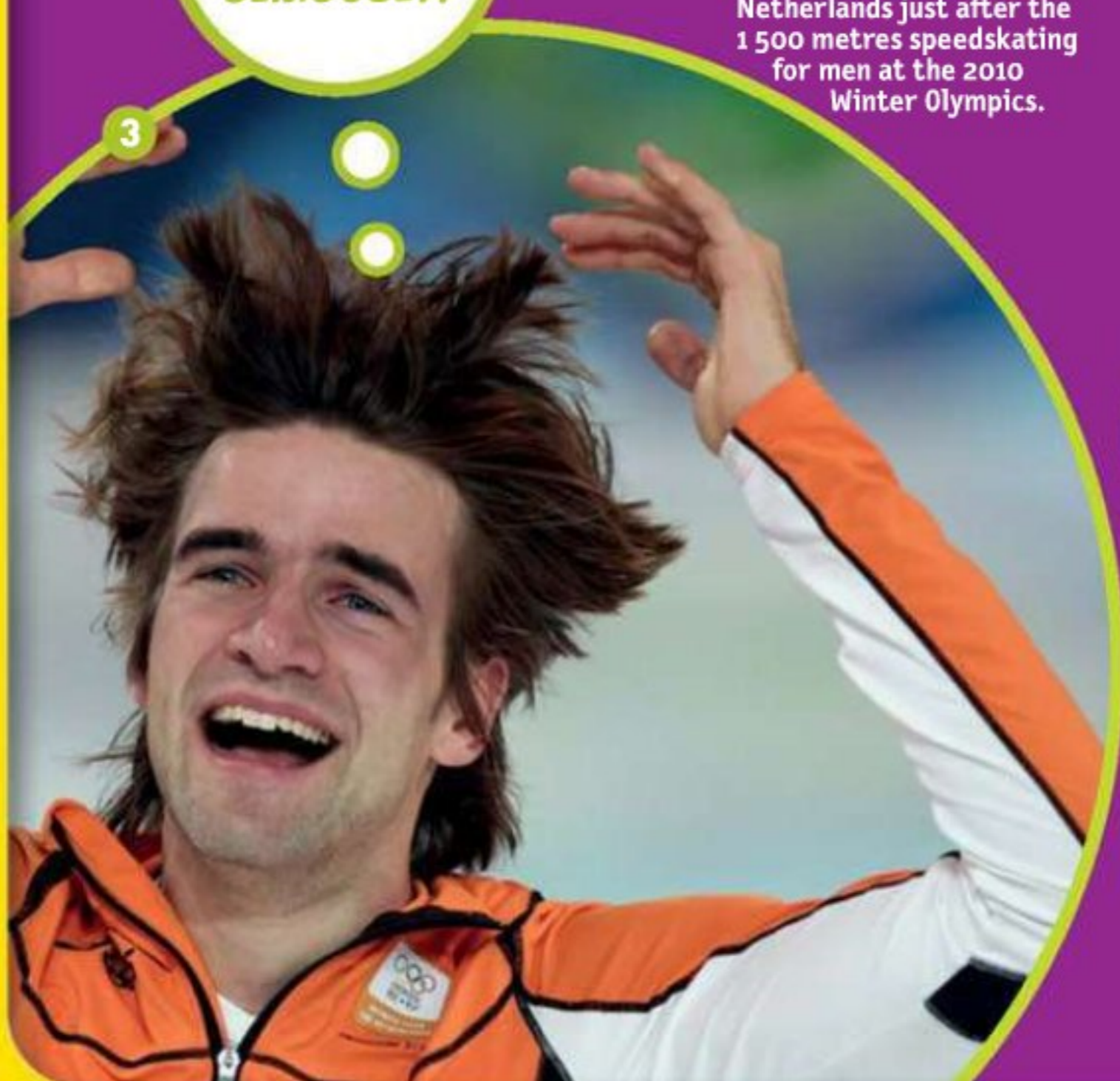
DUCK!
THE EVIL
BOOMERANG
IS COMING
BACK!



Inga Moeller of Germany and Ageeth Boomgaardt of the Netherlands during a preliminary match of the 2000 Olympics.

GUYS,
WHO HID MY
HAIRBRUSH?
SERIOUSLY!

Mark Tuitert of the Netherlands just after the 1500 metres speedskating for men at the 2010 Winter Olympics.



I TOLD YOU
SUPERGLUE
WOULD DO
THE TRICK!



Zlatan Ibrahimovic of AC Milan and Federico Peluso of Atalanta BC in action during an Italian Serie A soccer match in Milan, Italy.

Photo Funnies

Hold your horses. I'm almost ready.



What do YOU think this horse is thinking?

1. **Fill in** the thought balloon.
2. **Cut out** the entire picture (or make a photocopy of it).
3. **Post** it with your name, address, phone number and date of birth to NG KIDS Photo Funnies, PO Box 2271, Cape Town 8000. Selection for publication in a future issue will be at the discretion of NG KIDS.

From the May Issue



I'm sure there's a better way to put earrings on.

Baruch Buchling, 11, Kimberley

Dude! Is five minutes of peace and quiet too much to ask?

Casey Seelig, 10, Edgemead

Can you hear me now?

Joshua Castle, 9, Birdhaven

Every dog has its day ...

Shanelle Roux, 11, George

I thought the cat was irritating!

Ben West, 12, Uppington

I said: "Get some fresh air", not fresh ear!

Leon Louwrens, 12, Johannesburg

Say whaaaat?

William Davids, 10, Bellville

Maybe if I don't make eye contact, he will go away...

Liandi Willemsse, 13, Cape Town



BY DELENÉ VAN DER LUGT

PLAY THIS! ↓



KINECT STAR WARS XBOX 360 KINECT

If you've always dreamed of being a Jedi, here's your chance to travel to a galaxy far, far away. Play solo or have a friend step in front of the Kinect camera for multiplayer mode. C3PO and R2-D2 are your guides through a series of mini-games with full body motion. In "Jedi Destiny" you're a young Padawan, learning to use the lightsabre and the Force to take on the Dark Side. In "Rancor Rampage" you're an, erm, Rancor-on-the-loose smashing every droid and building in your way. Try your hand at "Podracing" or head off to the "Galactic Dance-off" featuring modern songs with Star Wars lyrics. Lastly take up the sabre again for a set of fights in "Duels of Fate" where you'll eventually battle Darth Vader.

TIP:
Finish the Destiny campaign and you'll unlock Sebulba as a playable racer in Podracing Quickplay mode.

Reader review: Chelsea Daniels, 13, Cape Town
I loved the dance-off and it was great fun trying to match Princess Leia's moves. My brother loved the Podracing but it was quite hard. We both loved using the lightsabre to battle enemies.

WIN A GAME!

You can win one of two Kinect Star Wars hampers. SMS* "NGK STAR" followed by your name, age and address to 33970.

WATCH THIS! ↓



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Available on DVD on 29 June.



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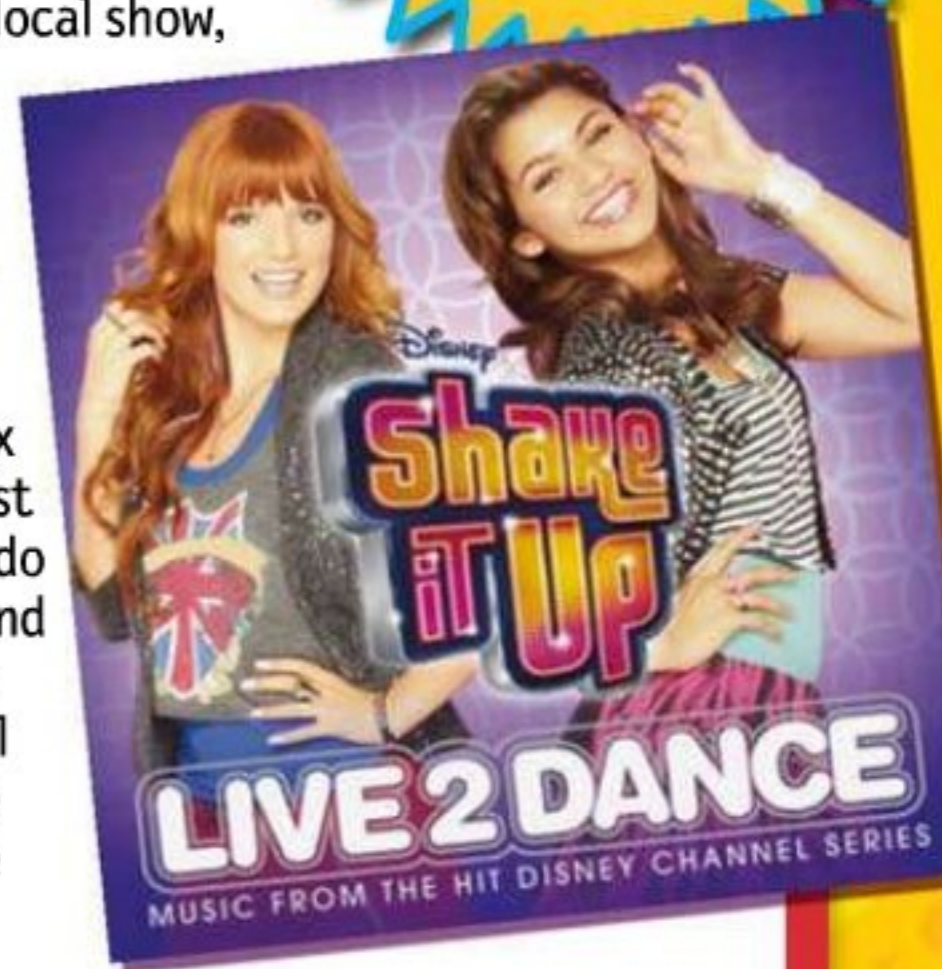
SHAKE IT UP: LIVE TO DANCE

BFFs Rocky Blue and CeCe Jones see their dreams come true when they land roles as backing dancers on a local show, "Shake It Up, Chicago!" Along with their friend Deuce they go on crazy adventures while trying to keep up with school. What makes it worse is that they have to babysit CeCe's brother, Flynn! They can't relax for a second since their biggest rivals, Gunther and Tinka, will do anything to take their place and ruin their dance dream. *Shake it Up: Live to Dance* features all your favourite songs from the series and who knows... maybe you'll be the next dance star!

— Jani Coetzee

WIN A CD!

You can win one of 15 *Shake it Up* CDs, courtesy of Disney. SMS* "NGK SHAKE" followed by your name, age and address to 33970.



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Art Zone



Ready, steady, draw!
NG KIDS drew pictures of themselves at the Olympic Games.

Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim to it!
Michelle le Roux, 11, North Riding

Olympic Running
Dylan Jordaan, 12, Queensburgh



Winning at the Olympics
Justin Eckard, 9, Hartebeespoort

London Olympic Games
Rebecca Peacocke, 9, Claremont

Record Pole Vault
Caleb Brönn, 9, Edgemoed



Our Lucky Winners

Our lucky winners from the April issue are:

Meerkat Madness Books
Tiaan Joubert, Martine Geldenhuys

Mighty Minds
Keagan Cameron, Ameen Tikly, Eleri Botha

Disney Princess game
Elle van Rooyen, Galya Steynberg, Hugo Minnaar

Pirates! hampers
CJ Oertel, Katelynn Theron, Steven Henry, Heinrich Slabbert, Joshua Michaels

Bob Martin hampers
Tristan O'Kennedy, Michelle Wessels, Carmen McEwan, Anel-Mari Botha

Kurland Hotel
Johanné de Jager

DRAW

your family and you around the braai.

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE REDRO FLAVOUR? ORIGINAL OR TOMATO .

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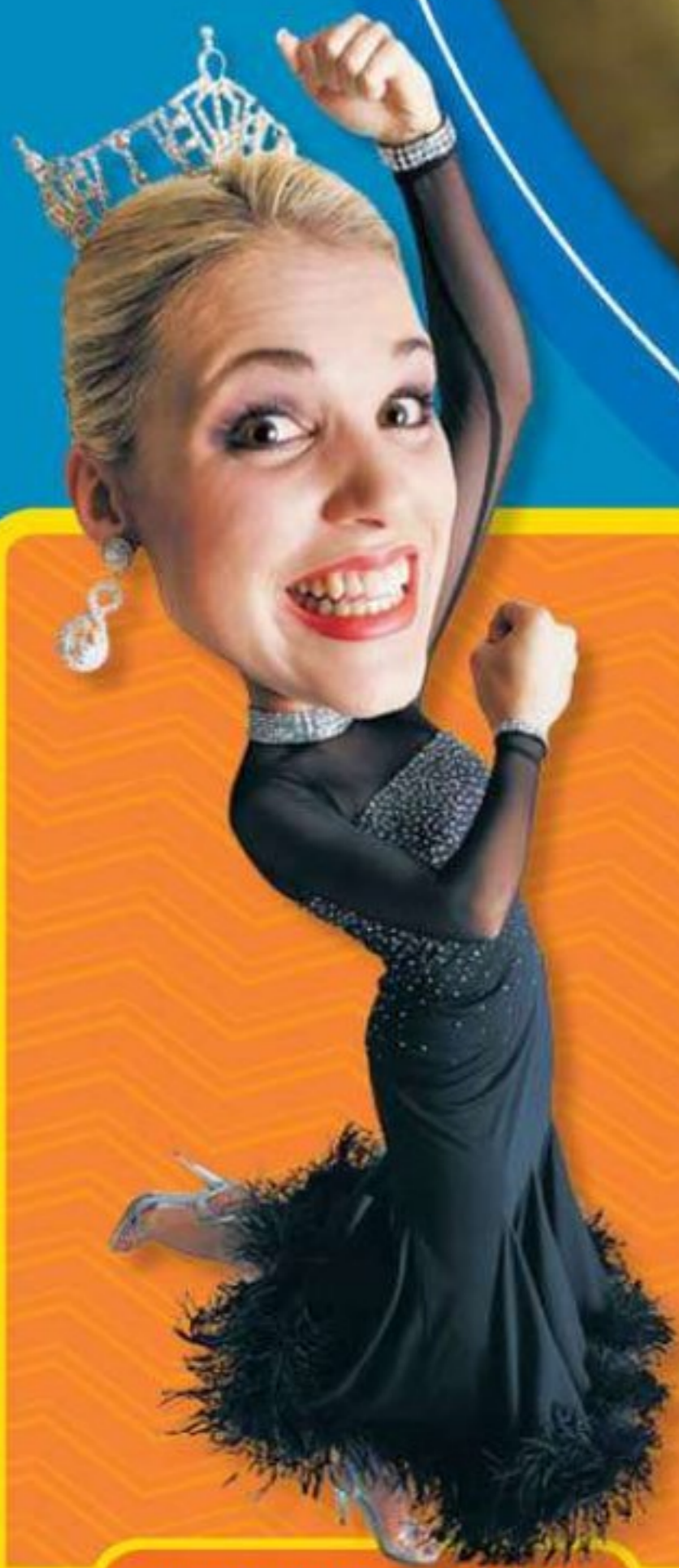
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Q What year do frogs like best?

A Leap year.

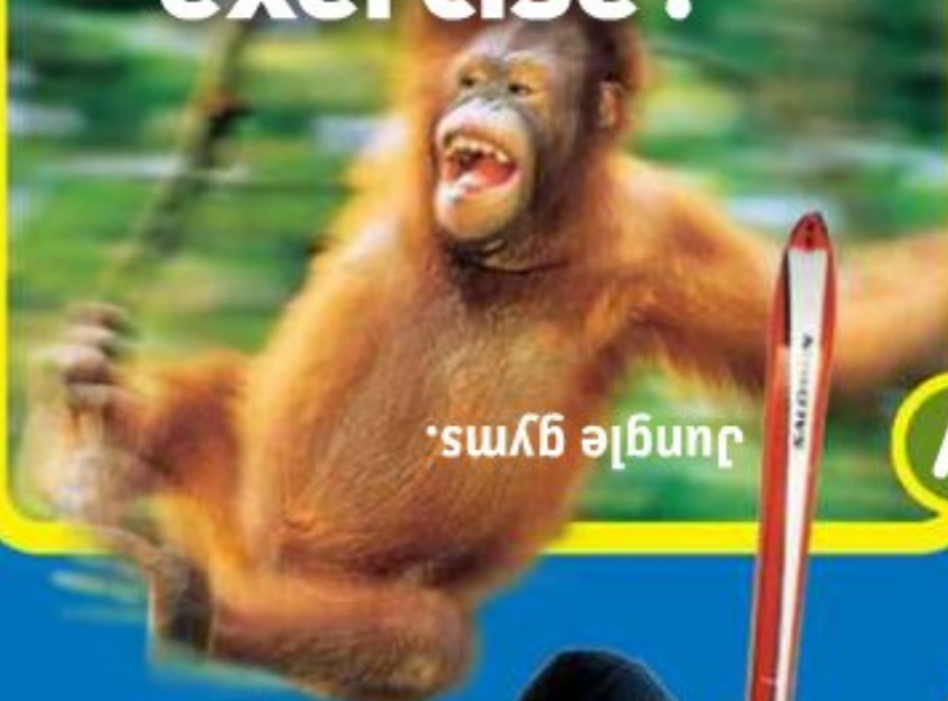


ANOTHER SILLY JOKE

DENTIST: Your Majesty, how can I serve you today?

QUEEN: I came to get my teeth crowned.

Q Where do orangutans exercise?



Jungle gyms.

A

TONGUE TWISTER!

Say this fast three times:

Thieves seize skis.



Funny List

Four bad excuses for being late for school:

1. My alarm clock is on holiday.
2. A dinosaur ate my school bus.
3. I dreamed I was building the Great Wall of China and I wasn't finished by 7 am.
4. It was raining cats and dogs, so I had to shower again to get the fur off.

Answers

"Stump Your Parents" (page 44):
1. B, 2. D, 3. C, 4. D, 5. C, 6. A, 7. D, 8. A, 9. C, 10. B.
Bonus: Olympic gold medal
Bottom row: crown, coin, French horn.
Middle row: watch, statue, gold nuggets.
Top row: gold bars, trophy, keys.
"What in the World?" (page 43):
1. golf course, 2. pool, 3. boxing ring, 4. running track, 5. bike track, 6. badminton court, 7. basketball court, 8. fencing venue, 9. rings, 10. weight-lifting area.

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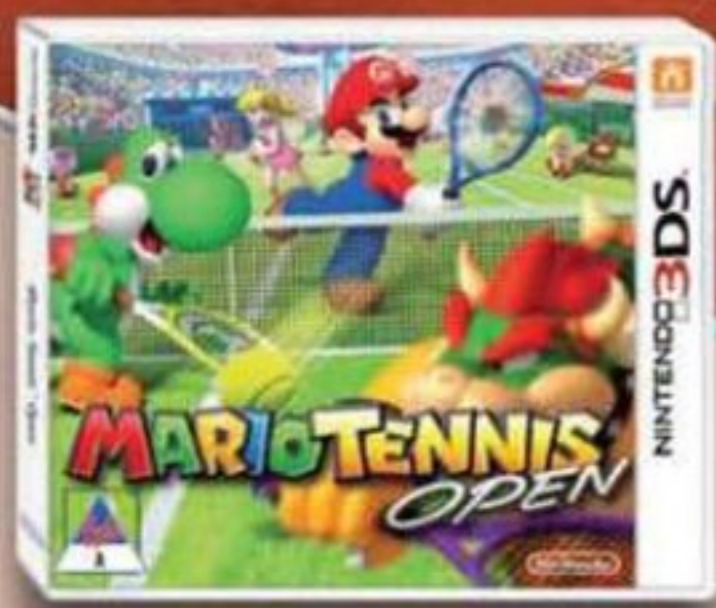
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